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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: GPNG ARMS AND AMMUNITION PURCHASES

REF: A) 75 PORT MORESBY 1052, B) 76 STATE 248703,
C) STATE 158251

1. PER REFTEL C) POST HAS INFORMED GPNG THAT USG CANNOT
APPROVE DIRECT FMS SALES TO GPNG AT THIS TIME.

2. PRIOR TO PNG INDEPENDENCE, GOA EQUIPPED PNG DEFENCE
FORCE WITH A NUMBER OF U.S.-ORIGIN INFANTRY WEAPONS SYSTEMS
AND SUPPLIES ADEQUATE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. TRAINING
SUPPLIES ARE NOW BEGINNING TO RUN LOW ON SUCH ITEMS AS 66MM
HEAT-SEEKING ROCKETS AND 40MM RIOT CONTROL CS CARTRIDGES.
GPNG WILL NOW HAVE TO REPLENISH TRAINING STOCKS OR GO
THROUGH EXPENSE OF ACQUIRING ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS, ASSUMING
SUCH SYSTEMS ARE AVAILABLE. THIS COULD BE A MAJOR BURDEN
DUE TO SMALL DEFENCE FORCE BUDGET.

3. POST WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. UPON ADVICE FROM CAPTAIN NOTARGIA COMO OF PM, GPNG
ASSUMES THAT IT MAY STILL ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE ITEMS THAT
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ARE AVAILABLE COMMERCIALLY IN THE U.S. ON A CASE-BY-CASE
OMC APPROVAL BASIS. POST HAS AGREED TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING
WHICH ITEMS ARE COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE AND IN LOCATING
VENDORS DUE TO GPNG LACK OF EXPERTISE IN THESE MATTERS AND
TO SMALL NUMBER ITEMS INVOLVED (MAXIMUM 20 PER YEAR).

B. REFTEL B) INDICATED THAT THIRD-COUNTRY TRANSFERS THROUGH

GOA WOULD BE PERMITTED ON AT LEAST SOME ITEMS BASED ON GPNG'S ASSURANCES FORWARDED IN REFTEL A). PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS IS STILL THE CASE AND IF MUNITIONS LIST ITEMS IDENTICAL TO THOSE TRANSFERRED TO GPNG PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE MUST RECEIVE CASE-BY-CASE APPROVAL FOR FUTURE RESUPPLY BY GOA. (DEPT SHOULD HAVE LIST OF ITEMS PROVIDED BY GOA.)

3. PLEASE FORWARD TWO COPIES U.S. MUNITIONS LIST FOR POST AND GPNG REFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT GOA WAS PERMITTED TO EQUIP PNG DEFENCE FORCE WITH U.S. MUNITIONS LIST ITEMS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT RESUPPLY OF IDENTICAL ITEMS IN REASONABLE QUANTITY ALSO BE PERMITTED.

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